

Remarks


Claims 24 through 28 have been cancelled and new claims 29 through 38 are submitted herewith which are deemed to more clearly define the invention and distinguish the same over the several references of record. Favorable consideration of the newly submitted claims respectfully is requested in view of the following comments.

Each of the newly submitted claims provides that each of the tracks of the cam elements differs from each of the other tracks. In particular, as recited in the dependent claims, either one or both of the radius of the lobe of a track and the angular displacement of such lobe with the other lobes differs. Such differentiation in the degree and timing of the opening of the two inlet valves of a single cylinder provides different fuel burning conditions, correspondingly providing different operating conditions of the engine. It is submitted that none of the references of record either discloses or teaches such structure.

In view of the foregoing, it respectfully is requested that the newly submitted claims be allowed and further that the application be passed to issue.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 14-1437, under Order No. 8369.023.US0000.

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